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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Hideaki Nagakubo et al.
Serial No. To be Assigned
Filing Date: Herewith
For Backlight Unit and Liquid Crystal
Display Device

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.